

**Introduced by Senator Runner**

February 25, 2009

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An act to amend Section 66025.8 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 361, as introduced, Runner. Public postsecondary education: Armed Forces service.

(1) Existing law requires the California State University and each community college district, and requests the University of California, with respect to each campus in their respective jurisdictions that administers a priority enrollment system, to grant priority for registration for enrollment to any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States for any academic term attended at one of these institutions within 2 years of leaving active duty.

This bill would specify that these priority registration provisions apply to any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has received an honorable discharge. By establishing revised requirements relating to student eligibility for priority registration for community college districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 66025.8 of the Education Code is  
2     amended to read:  
3     66025.8. The California State University and each community  
4     college district shall, and the University of California is requested  
5     to, with respect to each campus in their respective jurisdictions  
6     that administers a priority enrollment system, grant priority in that  
7     system for registration for enrollment to any member or former  
8     member of the Armed Forces of the United States *who has received*  
9     *an honorable discharge*, for any academic term attended at one of  
10    these institutions within two years of leaving active duty. As used  
11    in this section, “member or former member of the Armed Forces  
12    of the United States” includes, but is not necessarily limited to,  
13    any student who is called to active military duty compelling that  
14    student to take an academic leave of absence.  
15    SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
16    this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
17    local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
18    pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
19    4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.